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April 5, 1989

Mr. George Morris  
Forest Supervisor  
U.S. Forest Service  
Manti-LaSal National Forest  
599 West Price River Road  
Price, Utah 84501

Dear Mr. Morris:

Re: Approval Recommendation, Notice of Intent to Explore, Rilda Canyon Area, Utah Power and Light Company, Deer Creek Mine, CEP/015/018-89A, Folder #3, Emery County, Utah

The Division received a Notice of Intent to Explore (NOI) from Utah Power and Light Company (UP&L) for the Rilda Canyon area, dated March 30, 1989. The proposed exploration activity will not occur within the approved Deer Creek Mine permit area. Instead, it will occur on U.S. Forest Service land and therefore, your office is the lead agency in issuing the permitting decision.

Division technical staff have reviewed the subject NOI and have determined that the proposed activity will not result in adverse environmental impacts (see attachment). Accordingly, the Division recommends the NOI be approved by your office.

Sincerely,

Richard V. Smith  
Acting Permit Supervisor

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Attachment  
cc: J. Helfrich  
D. Worden  
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March 31, 1989

TO: Richard V. Smith, Acting Permit Supervisor

FROM: Darin Worden, Reclamation Hydrologist *JDW*

RE: Notice of Intent to Explore Rilda Canyon, Utah Power and Light Company, Deer Creek Mine, CEP/015/018-89A, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

## Synopsis

Utah Power and Light Company (UP&L) submitted on March 30, 1989, a Notice of Intent to Explore in Rilda Canyon. This memo reviews this submittal.

## Analysis

The submittal was received according to UMC 776.11: General Requirements: Exploration of Less Than 250 Tons.

All pertinent information was enclosed, according to UMC 776.11. The following mitigation measures will be used to prevent adverse environmental impacts to Rilda Canyon. Straw bales will be placed in the stream channel below the flume installation site for sediment control. A temporary earthen dam will be placed above the flume installation site for water control during construction.

A pump test is required for completion of the aquifer analysis. No discharge point has been formally identified. A point will be finalized with North Emery Water Users Association before the pump test. UP&L will notify the Division on the location of this point prior to testing. No adverse impacts are foreseen, based on the submitted information.

## Recommendation

The Division's approval of UP&L's Intent to Explore Rilda Canyon.

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